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SUBJ: BANGLADESH COUP: RECOGNITION

1. WE RECEIVED THIS MORNING (AUGUST 17) COMMUNICATION TO US FROM NEW GOVERNMENT, A CIRCULAR NOTE DATED AUGUST 16 TO ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO LAY BASIS FOR RECOGNITION.

TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONS IN BANGLADESH AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT THE ARMED FORCES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED, HAVE TAKEN OVER POWER IN BANGLADESH IN THE LARGER INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 15, 1975.

ON BEING SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT, KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED FORMED A CIVILIAN CABINET THE SAME DAY. IN AN ADDRESS TO THE NATION, THE PRESIDENT COMPLIMENTED THE ARMED FORCES FOR RESCUING THE COUNTRY FROM CORRUPTION, NEPOTISM AND POLITICAL INTRIGUE WHICH THREATENED TO OVERWHELM IT. HE DECLARED HIS GOVERNMENT'S FIRM DETERMINATION TO TRANSFORM BANGLADESH INTO A LAND OF HAPPINESS FOR ITS 75 MILLION PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT FURTHER AFFIRMED HIS GOVERNMENT'S RESOLVE TO PROMOTE BANGLADESH'S RELATIONS, GOODWILL,

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UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON THE

PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PRESIDENT KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED ALSO HELD OUT THE ASSURANCE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HONOUR ALL AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH DETERMINE BANGLADESH'S RELATIONSHIP IN BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPHERES. THE PRESIDENT DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS PRINCIPLES.

PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN BANGLADESH HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED THE CHANGE. CONDITIONS ARE CALM AND PEACEFUL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAIL ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONS IN BANGLADESH THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

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